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Description of the Town of Pape/Industrial Expansion/Description of the Airfield/Blacksmarket/ Decreased Religious Activity.

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Expansion

1. Pape is now one of the most important Soviet strongholds in western Hungary. The town has grown much larger since pre-World War II days. It has grown particularly in the east and in the south towards the Kastilian estate which is now an agricultural experimental station for cattle breeding.

Industrial Growth

2. Industrially Pape has also changed. Before World War II, the only industrial enterprises in Pape were a small silk weaving factory, a tobacco factory (tobacco is grown in surrounding areas of Pape) and a rather small slaughterhouse. In 1952 a new and rather large plant called Elektrotermax was put into operation near the railway station. This plant is located in the buildings of the former silk mill, the high school, and the locksmith workshop. This plant specialises in the production of various electrical articles such as electric cookers, irons and toasters. In 1955, this plant produced mainly electric washing machines. According to official data, this plant manufactures about 400 different articles. The slaughterhouse has been enlarged and a meat processing department and a large meat canning section have been added. This slaughterhouse is located in the eastern outskirts of Pape on the banks of the Tapolca River. The former tobacco factory no longer exists.

New Construction

3. The railway station which was destroyed during the war is now being reconstructed. It will be upon completion very modern and will be three-storys high. The Soviet troops have seized many of the apartments in the town so new apartment houses are being constructed.

The Pape Airfield

4. The airfield is exclusively operated as a Soviet military base. It is located about two kilometers northeast of Pape between two railway lines, the Pape to

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[redacted] The airfield is shaped like an [redacted] There is a small wooded section bordering the northwest side of the airfield.

5. The old buildings of the field are located on the eastern side. Besides the large headquarters building, there are also military barracks and the main airport building which is L-shaped and has a five story tower on its roof. A radar installation has been installed on this building. In addition, the airfield has a mobile radar unit which is mounted on a special car.

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6. The five large hangars on the eastern part of the field are built parallel to the main concrete runway which runs northwest to southeast. [redacted] two underground hangars were constructed in 1953 north of this runway. 25X1 The gasoline depot is behind these five hangars.

7. There are newly constructed barracks located close to the wooded area in the northwest area of the field. A repair workshop is located near these new barracks.

8. One small building in the northwest corner of the airfield is reserved for civilian use.

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25X1 [redacted] There are about 200 jet fighters stationed at this airfield. After the conclusion of the Austrian State treaty, a whole new [redacted] jet unit was moved to Papa, which was difficult to accommodate on this already crowded field. As a result of this move, almost all of the officers and NCOs have to live in the town. A special military bus line connects the airfield with the center of Papa. Its terminal is on Sztalin ut near the Soviet retail store. A great number of the officers are permitted to have their families with them. [redacted] 25X1 there are hundreds of these families in Papa and [redacted] have their own 25X1 shops, school, and club.

Soviet Administrative Offices

10. The Soviet headquarters is located in the former Esterhazy Palace. A large Soviet transportation unit is quartered in the former administration building of the Esterhazy estates. Part of the Esterhazy estate park is separated by a barbed wire fence. This part of the park is solely for the use of the Soviet soldiers. The rest of the park is open to the public.

Blackmarket

11. Due to the presence of the large Soviet Air Force unit, Papa has become a very important center of the Hungarian blackmarket. The Soviet soldiers supply this market with a number of articles smuggled in from the USSR or Satellite countries. On the blackmarket, Papa specializes in the trade of cameras, and East German AGFA products, nylon stockings (until September 1955 exclusively Austrian-made), East German watches and jewelry. The following are prices quoted on the blackmarket:

nylon stockings	40-50 forints (the normal blackmarket price is 100-120 forints)
[redacted]	350-400 forints (normal blackmarket price up to 500 forints)
[redacted]	250-300 forints (normal blackmarket price, 350-400 forints)

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12. The Hungarian police have been fighting the blackmarket fiercely. The last flourishing blackmarket period was when Soviet soldiers came to Papa from Austria causing great confusion which got completely out of control.

13. Unlike the Soviet infantry men, the air force men have great freedom of movement. The town is always crowded with soldiers. The soldiers' favorite hangout is the Moszi Espresso adjacent to the Ady movie theater which is on one of the side streets of Sztalin ut. This theater is full of soldiers every night.

Security Control

14. The civilian population is controlled by a rather strong AVH unit which is stationed on Sztalin ut. This AVH unit also controls the town's prison which is opposite the meat processing factory in the eastern part of the town.

Diminished Religious Activities

15. The lively religious activities which had been a significant part of Papa's community life has diminished. The traditional religious center in Papa had several cloisters, religious institutions, and schools of both Catholic and Protestant denominations. Almost all of them have disappeared. The cloisters are used for civilian purposes and only the churches are still open. The main large Catholic church is in the center of the main town square which is now called the Marx I Engels Ter.

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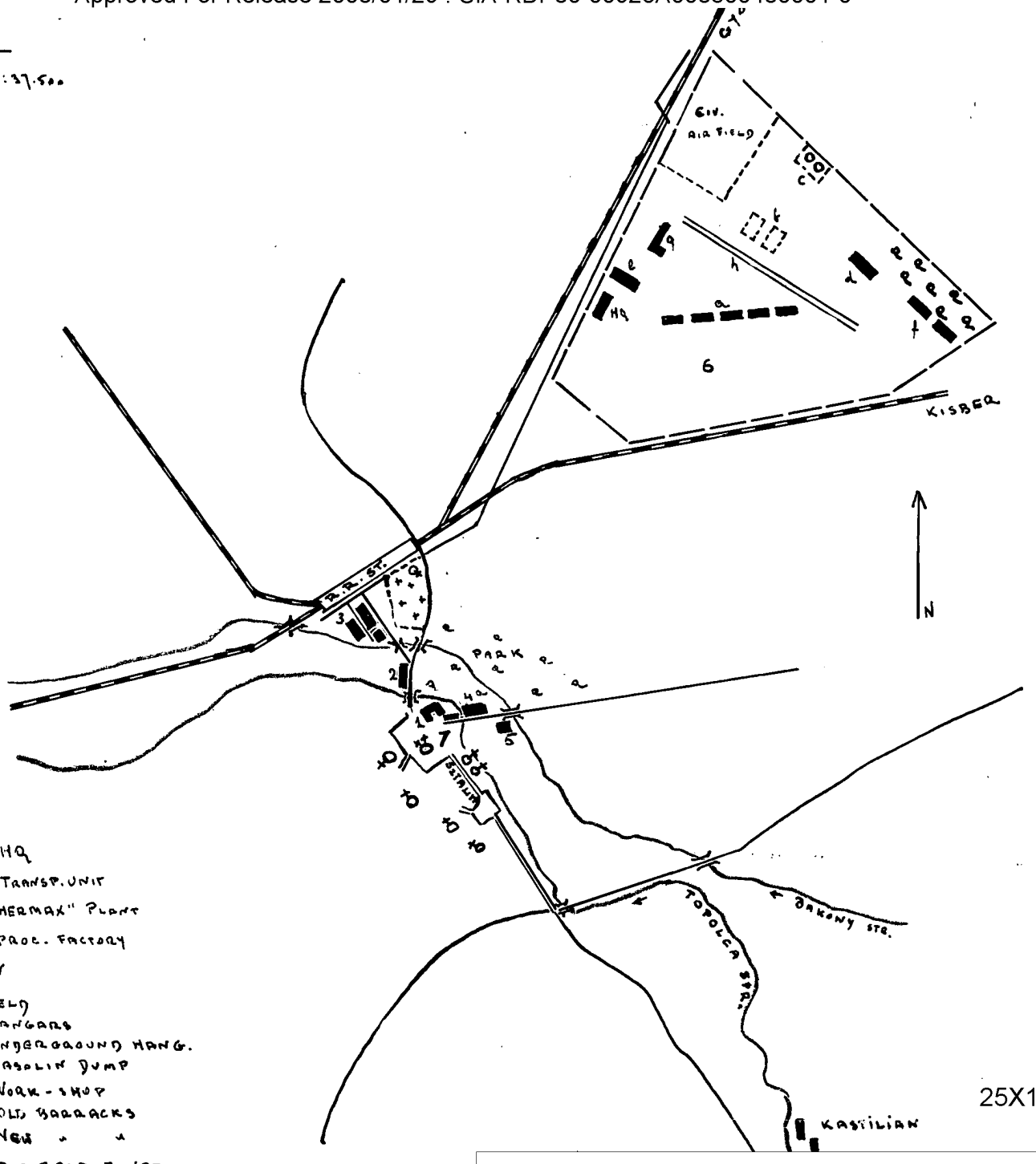

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2. " " TRANSP. UNIT
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   - a. HANGARS
   - b. UNDERGROUND HANG.
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